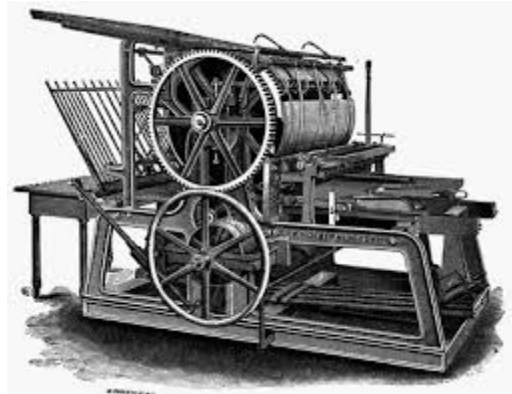


# What Were the 20 Best Inventions Ever?



Fire or the Wheel? Electricity or the internet? Which invention is the most important to mankind? I would like to settle the score and have ranked the most influential inventions to man. My rankings are based on the significance provided and the effect that each one of these inventions had on our daily lives. So take a look at my rankings and see if they are in line with your evaluation of each.

Read more at <http://www.rantlifestyle.com/2014/02/15/20-important-inventions-time/#XW3XOHgDwqotYAJt.99>

## No. 20 Anesthesia



1846 - There would be no way to do surgery and study the body without anesthesia.

## No. 19 Compass



12th century - Would the Americas have been discovered without the compass?

## No. 18 Cotton Gin



1793 - Probably resulted in the end of Slavery while also providing more time for other discoveries.

## No. 17 Penicillin



1928 - Accidentally discovered in 1928, penicillin became the the cure all for many diseases that once limited our population.

## No. 16 Facebook



2004 - Do not, for one second, underestimate its power and influence.

## No. 15 Abacus



BC - The basis of mathematics.

## No. 14 Airplane



1913 - Thank you, Wright Brothers.

## No. 13 Legal System



This can be attributed the Hamarammi.

## No. 12 Refrigeration



1850 - The "fridge" seems simple, but when you think about its abilities, it is astounding.

## No. 11 Telephone



1876 – Think how it has changed."

## No. 10 Automobile



Later 19th century - Assisted in the growth of private transportation.

## No. 9 Internet



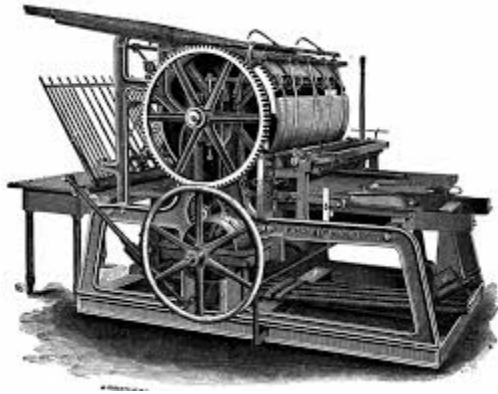
1960s - This opened up an entire new method of learning and communication abilities.

## No. 8 Democracy



Who knows the date? Who cares? Because it is the closest thing we have to a well working system.

## No. 7 Oil Refining



Mid 19th century - Without this, oil is just a thick, black liquid.

## No. 6 TV



Early 20th century - While over-usage can be bad, TV is a great way to gain knowledge and insight.

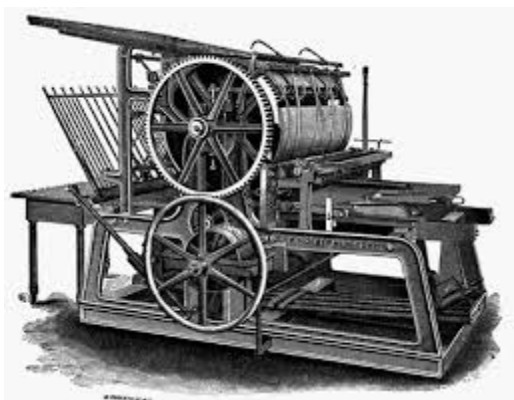


## No. 5 The Steam Engine



1792 - Probably lead to the start of the industrial revolution at the turn of the following century.

## No. 4 The Printing Press



1450 - Single-handedly led commoners to overthrow governments in Europe. No longer did the masses have to listen to a Priest about the Bible, rather they would learn to read on their own and were able to interrupt themselves.

## No. 3 Electricity



Late 19th Century - Need we really say more?

## No 2 Fire



BC - The first means of warmth and the basis for energy for years to come

## No. 1 Wheel



The wheel provided humanity with the ability to farm, which made us less nomadic and added to our ability to free up time and discover other great inventions.